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SUBJECT: CHINESE OFFER "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES" TO THE BAHAMAS

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[1](#)B. NASSAU 041

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[1](#)F. NASSAU 526 Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Zuniga-Brown for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (U) SUMMARY: The highest ranking Chinese official ever to have visited The Bahamas, Chairman Wu Bangguo, announced several lucrative financ
END SUMMARY

Chinese Offer &Golden Opportunities

[1](#)2. (U) Wu Bangguo, the highest ranking Chinese official ever to have visited The Bahamas, is China,s Chairman of the Standing Committee of the

Baha Mar) Start-Up Funds for the Super Resort

[1](#)3. (U) Baha Mar CEO Sarkis Izmirlian signed the two most significant agreements of the visit for the development of a mega resort and casino c

[1](#)4. (U) The second agreement between Baha Mar and the China State Construction and Engineering Corporation Limited (CSCEC) establishes the comm

Stadium Construction: Let the Games Begin

[1](#)5. (U)The Thomas A. Robinson National Sports Stadium project is the largest construction undertaking for China in the region. The structure wi

China Defends the &Developing8 Tax Haven

[1](#)6. (U) At a meeting with PM Ingraham, Wu described The Bahamas as a &developing8 nation and noted that China has advocated for an increase in

[1](#)7. (C)COMMENT: The Chinese appear committed to establishing a firm financial hold on projects, such as the Baha Mar, that will have a major in
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